

# WHAT'S LEFT IN BOSTON

*A Community Calendar of Progressive Cultural & Political Events*



## WHAT IS ANARCHISM?

Anarchism is a truly diverse way of thinking, one which cannot be characterized by slogans or party lines. Anarchism is more than a political philosophy or program; it is a set of values and a way of life that encompasses the political, the pragmatic, and the personal.

The basic tenet of anarchism is that hierarchical authority—of the state, church, patriarchy or economic elite—is not only unnecessary, but is inherently detrimental to the maximization of human potential. Anarchists believe that human beings are capable of managing their own affairs on the basis of creativity, cooperation, and mutual respect. Anarchists believe that power is inherently corrupting, and that authorities are inevitably more concerned with self-perpetuation and increasing their own power than they are with doing what is best for their constituents. Ethics are a personal matter, and should be based upon concern for others rather than upon laws or moral restrictions. Individuals are responsible for their own actions. Paternalistic authorities foster a dehumanized mindset which encourages people to expect elites to make decisions for them and meet their needs rather than thinking and acting for themselves. When an authority arrogates

to itself the right to dictate the most fundamental personal moral decisions, such as what is worth killing or dying for (as in military conscription), human freedom is immeasurably diminished. The common perception that anarchy is equivalent to chaos is an unfortunate misconception arising from the widespread belief, promoted by those in power, that authority is necessary to maintain order. Anarchists believe that an efficient, organized, and just society can be achieved on a non-hierarchical and participatory basis. All organizations should be voluntary and decentralized, and more complex tasks can be accomplished by federation among local or specialized groups.

Anarchists acknowledge the connection between various forms of oppression—including sexism, racism, heterosexism, classism and national chauvinism—and recognize the futility of focusing on one form of injustice while others continue to exist. The means one uses to transform the world must be in accord with the ends one hopes to achieve. While anarchists disagree about the use of violent action in resisting the violence of existing institutions, most agree we must focus not merely on destroying the current order, but on fashioning new, more humane, and more rational alternatives.

Anarchists have played a part in revolutionary movements throughout history. The French Revolution begun in 1789 had a strong proto-anarchist element. Anarchists such as Pierre-Joseph Proudhon, Peter Kropotkin, Mikhail Bakunin, and Errico Malatesta played an essential part in the development of revolutionary anarchist theory in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Anarchists played a substantial role in the revolutionary movements in Russia in 1905 and 1917, but were ruthlessly suppressed once the Bolsheviks had consolidated power. The Spanish Revolution of 1936–39 set the stage for the most widely known manifestation of anarchist practice on a large scale, in which anarcho-syndicalist organizations (the FAI and CNT) successfully created workable, non-hierarchical social and economic alternatives. In the United States, as well as in Mexico and Latin America, there was an anarcho-syndicalist influence within the trade union movement (for example, the International Workers of the World). Prominent anarchists such as Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman participated in a variety of radical causes throughout the early 1900's.

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## What Anarchism is Not

To clarify what anarchism is, let us examine what anarchism is not:

**Communism:** While many anarchists value communalism and collectivism, anarchists reject the totalitarianism of the modern communist, or more accurately, Marxist-Leninist, states and parties. The rift between anarchists and Marxists developed as early as the 1870s when the anarchists perceived that the Marxists were perpetuating authoritarianism under a different name. Marxist-Leninist groups have traditionally emphasized the need for a vanguard party and the dictatorship of the proletariat, ideas which are fundamentally opposed to the anarchist focus on anti-authoritarianism and maximum individual freedom. Although orthodox Marxism predicts that the state will "wither away" in time, we have repeatedly seen in communist countries a consolidation of state power and its attendant repression and insistence on conformity. Since their inception, anarchists have opposed many Marxist-Leninist regimes, and this continues today (for example, the Polish opposition movements have a substantial anarchist element).

**Libertarianism:** Libertarians are often confused with anarchists and do overlap in many respects: both share an emphasis on personal freedom and the desire to do away with the state. The term "libertarian" has been used by individuals across the political spectrum. "Libertarian socialists" are similar to anarchists. Some libertarians characterize themselves as anarcho-capitalists. Still others are "minarchists", who believe that some form of government is necessary, but that it should be as minimal and unobtrusive as possible. Many libertarians identify themselves as "classical liberals" or "Jeffersonians". Libertarians generally assign primary importance to the individual and emphasize the principle of enlightened self interest as an engine of social order. In con-

trast, communal anarchists focus on mutual aid and efforts to improve the circumstances of all members of the community. The Libertarian philosophy may be characterized by its economic viewpoint, which regards unimpeded free market capitalism as the necessary counterpart of personal freedom, emphasizes voluntary contracts, allows the use of force in the defense of private property, and opposes coercive interference with individual efforts. Libertarians reject political attempts at social engineering. While libertarians are anti-state, they are not opposed to domination and hierarchy in all its forms, and do not seek to radically alter societal power relations, especially those based on economic power. Anarchists have a more social perspective, and favor doing away with any system in which the wealthy achieve disproportionate benefit while the less fortunate suffer undue hardship. While anarchists value individual initiative, intelligence, and creativity, they recognized that these are not the basis of economic and political rights, and that those who possess such talents in a lesser degree should have an equal say in the decisions that affect their lives.

**Liberalism:** Modern day liberalism corresponds more closely to "social democracy" than to classical liberalism (which is akin to libertarianism). The prevailing political notions in this country equate leftism with liberalism, but there are differences. Although many anarchists support liberal causes, anarchism does not really fit into the traditional left (liberal)/right (conservative) political spectrum. While liberals advocate efforts to reform the existing system (for example, through voting, lobbying, and organized demonstrating), anarchists have a more radical view, and wish to change the existing economic power structure, replace corrupt institutions, and refashion a more humane society by means of direct action, without reliance on the state. While anarchists recognize the validity of evolutionary as well as revolutionary change, they

acknowledge that, in order to achieve a true reordering of society, it is necessary to eradicate hierarchical dominance relations wherever they exist; this has not historically been a priority of liberals. Anarchists recognize that the structures of power themselves are the root of the problem, and as such, cannot be the basis for a solution.

## Some Issues of Contention

Anarchists hold disparate views on many issues. One of the major areas of disagreement is the question of the individual versus the community. Individualist anarchists place primary importance on the freedom of the individual, while anarcho-communists (and anarcho-syndicalists) focus on the benefit of the social group at large, and mutualists lie somewhere in between. In an ideal anarchist society, the needs of the community as a whole can be met in a just manner without unduly impinging on the individual's free will.

Another debate within the anarchist movement concerns ecology and technology. Classical anarchism displays similarities to traditional Marxist notions of the value of science and rationalism, and the belief that technological progress benefits society. Many modern anarchists believe that technology is inherently neither good nor evil, but that it must be scrutinized and applied in a socially responsible manner in order to best serve those who use it and who are affected by it. Other present day anarchists have an anti-technology, nature-centered perspective, and believe that an anarchist society can only be achieved by abandoning technological advances and returning to a more primitive, localized and ecologically harmonious way of life.

The question of what type of economic system would exist in an anarchist society is an open one. Some anarchists believe that all forms of capital and the market economy must be abolished; others think that a system that promotes worker control and ownership and full economic democracy within a market economy would provide the best combination of equitability and efficiency.

The issue of nationalism is also important. In general, anarchists advocate the idea of internationalism (or rather, 'no-nation'ism) and view nationalism and patriotism as manifestations of the state's attempt to increase its power by promoting artificial divisions among people. The nation-state is a construct that serves the interests of various elites, while the lower strata of the population remains in similar deplorable circumstances throughout the world. Despite this, some anarchists maintain that it is worthwhile to support certain national liberation struggles (such as the efforts of the Palestinians and the Nicaraguans) in the belief that smaller independent nations, while authoritarian, are preferable to exploitative, monolithic empires.





## Currents within the Modern Anarchist Movement

Building on, and sometimes diverging from, the principles of classical anarchism, there are a variety of groups that are enlarging the scope of contemporary anarchism and redefining traditional notions of anarchy.

Anarcha-feminists meld the ideals of feminism and anarchism. Anarcha-feminists focus on the liberation of women and the role of the patriarchy more than classical anarchists have, but not to the exclusion of other forms of oppression. Not all anarchist women consider themselves to be anarcha-feminists, nor is an anarcha-feminist necessarily a woman. As in many political movements, the issue of gender division remains unresolved. On one hand, the perpetuation within the anarchist movement of artificial gender divisions may be inimical to the creation of true equality and to the breaking down of barriers which anarchists hope to accomplish. On the other hand, many women feel the need to maintain a women's space within a movement that has traditionally been male-dominated, and believe that the validity of women's concerns must be recognized and integrated into the anarchist philosophy before unity can be achieved. Anarcha-feminists reject statist solutions to women's problems (such as the censorship of pornography in an attempt to reduce violence against women) in favor of self-empowerment. Anarcha-feminism emphasizes anti-hierarchical organization, participation in decision making, action on a grassroots level, and the fulfillment of human potential through the development of beneficial "masculine" and "feminine" characteristics in all people and the achievement of equality in all relationships.

Many modern anarchists concentrate on applying the ideals of free will and self-determination to their personal lives. Within this tendency there is an acceptance of a variety of options in the realm of sexuality, family, and interpersonal relationships. Sexuality should be based on the free choice of the individuals involved. There are many bisexual, gay and lesbian anarchists, and an acceptance of various anarchist principles in many gay groups. Recognizing that traditional mandates such as marriage, the patriarchal nuclear family, and enforced reproduction have been devised to serve the interests of those in power, anarchists emphasize the development of creative, voluntary relationship alternatives such as non-monogamy, polytidelity, extended families, and communal child rearing, in addition to the more common traditional options.

Although anarchism is opposed to the destructive influence of authoritarian, hierarchical religious institutions, many anarchists emphasize spirituality, both the neo-pagan variety and liberation theology

within traditional religions. This reflects the belief that the maximization of human potential necessitates a recognition of the spiritual and transcendental aspects of human personality and culture as well as the rational. In the realm of morality, anarchists rely on personal responsibility and concern for others rather than on the pronouncements of moral authorities. Spiritual anarchists generally emphasize the interconnectedness of all life, and their beliefs commonly coincide with those of the ecologically oriented, nature-centered anarchists. There also exists a substantial atheist element, who believe that the idea of "sacredness" and a reliance on a "higher order" reinforce traditional hierarchical notions and contradict full human freedom.

Anarchist ideals are often espoused by youth within the punk, alternative art, and radical student cultures. These young people attempt to escape the injustice and alienation of life in the prevailing consumer society by forming communities of resistance based on direct action and means of self-reliance such as collective living, squatting, and the creation of economic alternatives such as food cooperatives. They create leaderless groups based on local autonomy as opposed to centralization. While these people accept many of the tenets of classical anarchism (although often not under that label), they are more concerned with applying the principles of anti-authoritarianism and self-determination in a practical way to their resistance activities and daily lives. This modern anarchist culture is especially visible in Europe, where groups such as the *Autonomen* in Germany and "Freedom and Peace" in Poland have created a militant political opposition as well as viable alternative communities.

## Conclusion

Anarchism does not have the answer to every social problem, although there are anarchists (for example, Colin Ward) working on finding solutions in every sphere, from housing to education to alternative technology to the reduction of crime. Many of the problems we see today would be greatly diminished, if not eliminated, in a just, democratic, non-authoritarian society. Because we are so used to viewing society and its possibilities in terms of the world of today, it is impossible to devise in advance solutions that will be applicable to a world that is radically changed. The most important task of today is the creation of voluntary and participatory alternatives that can best meet our present needs in a non-statist, non-authoritarian manner. By emphasizing freedom, self-determination and direct action, anarchism has the vision and the flexibility to provide a viable way to transform one's own life while working for the radical and lasting social change that will transform the world.

—by Liz Highleyman, with the assistance of the Black Rose Collective

## About Black Rose

Black Rose is an anarchist collective committed to the ideals of personal liberation and non-hierarchical, non-authoritarian social relations. We hope to keep the anarchist tradition alive within the modern political context. We are loosely organized, and our members belong to and network with a variety of political and activist groups. Black Rose has been in existence for fifteen years. We are best known for the Black Rose Lecture Series, a forum for issues related to anarchism and anti-authoritarianism, held each spring and fall. Recent speakers have included George Katsiaficas on the autonomous movements in Europe, Lester Grinspoon on the legalization of drugs, Susan Yarrow on reproductive rights, and Harriet Miller on the Mondragon cooperatives. For information about upcoming lectures and activities or about the anarchist gathering this summer in San Francisco, contact Black Rose, P.O. Box 2684, Jamaica Plain, Ma. 02130, or call 253-6693.

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Our Generation (Red Book)

Reality Now

Social Anarchism (Red Book)



**Mon 1** to May 30 **Forms of Poverty:** a photographic project in process by Skip Schiel. The photographs were made in a soup kitchen and shelter in Juneau, Alaska, in the Boston area of people connected with the Harvard Square meal program and in New York City and Chicago. With the pictures are writings by Al Bauchard and others, including the voices of those living in poverty and from Skip Schiel's journals. At the Watertown Public Library, 123 Main St, Watertown Sq, Watertown. Info: 972-6431

May 1 through May 21 **S.W.O.N Songs - A 1940's Homefront Cabaret.** An original play based on Charlestown's history. The play is drawn from the actual stories and oral history of Boston Women who aided the homefront war effort by building ships in the Charlestown Naval Yard during World War II. Performances on Thursdays and Fridays at 8:00 pm, Saturdays at 7:00 and 10:00 pm, Sundays at 7:00 pm. Tickets: Friday and Saturday: \$12.50, Thursday & Sunday: \$10 available at Bostix and Ticketron offices or call CWT at 242-3534

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm An open house/fundraiser for the coalition for basic human needs. With food and drink, live music, CBHN raffle, keynote addresses by Coleen Costa, CBHN president and friends committee member, Rick Weissbourd. Info: 497-0126 At 54 Essex St, 2nd floor, Cambridge

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm **Monthly Tax Resistance Clinics:** Learn how you can join with other non-payers and stop putting your tax dollars into war, weapons, and intervention. At the Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston St, Boston. Free. Info: 731-6139

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm **Lesbian Rap: Sharing Resources.** Free. At the Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St, Cambridge. Info: 354-8807 ♀

**Tues 2** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm 30+ **Lesbian Rap: Lesbians and Men.** 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm **Bisexual Women's Rap: Spirituality** Free. At the Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St, Cambridge. Info: 354-8807 ♀

**Wed 3** Noon **Changing the Gender of Jobs: A Look at the Microelectronics Industry.** Speaker: Nancy Goldstein. At Murray Research Center conference room, Radcliffe Yard, Cambridge.

7:00 pm **Africa Oyé:** A Pan-African celebration of traditional and contemporary music, song and dance never before seen in North America. Dancers and musicians, over 60 people from Niger, Mali, Guinea and Zaire. Tickets: \$30, \$22, and \$17 at Ticketron, Bostix, & Out of Town Tickets. Sponsored by Dance Umbrella. At the Boston Opera House, 593 Washington St, Boston. Info: 491-7377

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm **Everywoman's Discussion Group: Overcommitment** Free. At the Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St, Cambridge. Info: 354-8807 ♀

8:00 pm **Dysfunctional Families and Wounded Relationships.** Speaker: Irene P. Stiver. At the Stone Center, Wellesley College, Pendleton East, Room 112. Info: 235-0320x2838

**Thurs 4** 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm **Join Haymarket in celebrating their 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of funding Peace, Equality and Economic Justice. Grant awards by the Boston Haymarket Board and Haymarket's impact by Kip Tiernan; a donor's point of view. At the African Meeting House, 46 Joy St, (corner of Smith Court), Boston. Free. Info: 426-1909 ♀

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8:00 pm **Local bands, "The Cave Dogs", "Big Barn Burning, and Daughter Judy"** will perform with Comedian Barry Crimmins in a benefit concert for the Christic Institute and their local support group CAT-Boston. \$9 advance, \$10 at the door. At TT the Bear's, 10 Brookline St, Central Sq. Cambridge. Info: 492-0082 ♀

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On the night of May 4, 1886, a dynamite bomb was thrown into a group of policemen who had just begun to disperse a small crowd of workmen still milling about in the Haymarket in Chicago's West Side. One policeman was killed instantly by the bomb, several others were wounded so severely that they died later. The police immediately opened fire, and before the Haymarket riot ended, several workers were killed (how many is unknown) and at least 200 were wounded.

A wave of hysteria swept Chicago and the rest of the nation. During it a number of anarchists were indicted. Though no sound evidence proved their connection with the actual bomb-throwing, they were tried freely for their opinions. Seven men—Albert R. Parsons, August Spies, Samuel J. Fielden, Michael Schwab, Adolph Fischer, George Engel, Louis Lingg—were condemned to death, and one—Oscar Neebe—to fifteen years' imprisonment.

The Haymarket Affair is linked to two important developments in the post-Civil War period: the battle for the eight-hour day and the rise of the Social Revolutionary or anarchist movement.

"If you think that by hanging us you can stamp out the labor movement . . . the movement from which the downtrodden millions, the millions who toil in want and misery expect salvation—if this is your opinion, then hang us! Here you will tread upon a spark, but there and there, behind you—and in front of you, and everywhere, flames blaze up. It is a subterranean fire. You cannot put it out."

—August Spies



The Haymarket monument

7:30 **Colors of our Vision.** Opening night of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week. Featuring Glenn Horivchi's jazz ensemble and Spectrum in Motion Dance Theatre Ensemble. Sponsored by Asian American Resource Workshop. At the World Trade Center auditorium. Info: 426-5313

8:00 pm **Africa Oyé** See May 3 listing.

8:00 pm Showcase Productions presents: **Beyond the Veil - a mystery thriller about spiritualism and the occult.** By John Chatterton. Directed by Donato Colucci. At French's Opera House, 45 Fairmount Ave., Hyde Park. Tickets: \$12 (not recommended for children). Info: 254-7108

8:30 pm to midnight **Just Another Dance with Amethyst Women.** This is a drug and alcohol free event for alcoholic lesbians and their women friends. We welcome and encourage all women who enjoy a drug and alcohol free space. Introducing a new DJ, DJ Whitman. Admission: \$5. At the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave, Cambridge.

**Sun 7** through May 14 **America is in the Heart.** Workshops, Exhibits, Films and Special Programs throughout Greater Boston Area. Celebrating Asian-Pacific American Week. Sponsored by Asian-American resource workshop. For calendar of events and more info, call 426-5313

20th Anniversary Walk for Hunger begins on the Boston Common

7:30 pm **Benefit Concert for Nicaraguan Development** with Fred Small and Flor de Caña. At Paine Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge. Tickets: \$9 in advance at Ferris Wheels, 64 South St., Jamaica Plain, \$10 at door. Info: 277-2017

8:00 pm **A Peasant of El Salvador**, the award winning play, will be staged as a benefit for the people of El Salvador. Created and performed by Gould and Stearns, a two-man theatre company from Vermont. In 1985, the production won the Denver Global Justice and Peace Award. All proceeds will be donated to a medical relief fund for Salvadorans and the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador. Admission: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, \$7 & \$9 for seniors and 18 & under. At the Raymond Grey Junior High School, Route 111, Acton. Info: Paul Reisberg at 263-7078 or Rich Trubey at 448-9892

**Thurs 11** 8:00 pm **Thought Control in Democratic Societies:** speech by Noam Chomsky, Institute Professor of Linguistics at MIT and author of several books on U.S. foreign policy in connection with the publication of his new book, *Necessary Illusions* from South End Press. \$5 admission. At MIT building 26 room 100, MIT campus, Cambridge. Info: 266-0629 ♀

8:00 pm **Beyond the Veil** See May 6 listing.

**Fri 12** 8:00 pm **Beyond the Veil** See May 6 listing.

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm **Non-Violence in the Midst of War:** Civil Disobedience in the struggle for Palestinian-Israeli Peace. A panel discussion with Nasez Assily, acting director of the Palestinian Center for the Study of Nonviolence in East Jerusalem, Amos Gvirtz, an Israeli pacifist active with the International fellowship of Reconciliation and a conscientious objector, Melanie McAllister, the former mid-east staff person with Boston Mobe. Sponsors: AFSC, New Jewish Agenda, Boston Mobe, Cambridge-Ramallah-El Bireh sister city and MIT Committee on the Middle East. Admission: \$3. At MIT Building 66, Room 110, Ames St, Cambridge. Info: 354-0008 ♀

7:00 pm **Beyond the Veil** See May 6 listing.

**Mon 15** 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm **Lesbian Rap: S/M.** Free. At the Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St, Cambridge. Info: 354-8807 ♀

**Tues 16** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm 30+ **Lesbian Rap: Lesbian Fashion.** 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm **Bisexual Women's Rap: Coming Out, Again.** Free. At the Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St, Cambridge. Info: 354-8807 ♀

**Wed 17** 3:30 pm **Language and Communication in Autistic Children:** clues to their "Theory of Mind". Speaker: Helen Tager-Flusberg. Bunting Colloquium Series. At the Gilman Room, Agassiz House, Radcliffe Yard, Cambridge. Info: 495-8212

7:30 pm **Marge Piercy reading for women's choice.** A benefit for Mass Choice. Admission: \$20, \$50 for reading and reception. At the African Meeting House, 46 Joy St, Boston. Tickets available at Mass Choice, Red Book, Arborway Video and Sound and New Words. Info: 720-1880

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**Sat 20** 10:00 am - 2:00 pm **Crash Course on the U.S.-Palestinian Conflict.** A hard look on the U.S. policies and role in this region. Sponsored by Mobilization for Survival. At the Central Sq. Library, 45 Pearl St, Cambridge. Info: 354-0008 ♀

8:00 pm **Beyond the Veil** See May 6 listing.

**Sun 21** 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Celebrate Jan Clausen's *The Prosperine Papers*,** a new novel from one of the best Lesbian fiction writers on our shelves. At New Words, 186 Hampshire St, Cambridge. Free. Info: 876-5310

7:00 pm **Beyond the Veil** See May 6 listing.

7:30 pm **AIDS: The Politics of Health.** DSA forum with David Scondras and another speaker from Boston ACT-UP or AIDS Action Committee. Potluck dinner at 6:00 pm. Free. At the Workman's Circle, 1762 Beacon St, Brookline. Info: 426-9026

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7:30 pm **Problems in the Struggle for Working Class Ideology:** a four part discussion (four consecutive tuesdays) in preparation for the National Ideological Conference of the Communist Party, USA. Discussion will focus on topics: the expanded labor aristocracy, disappearing proletarians, the failure of socialism and the permanent underclass. Instructors: Sandy Eaton and Polly Halfkenny. \$3 donation. At the Center for Marxist Education, 550 Mass. Ave., Cambridge. Info: 868-5620



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**Fri 5** through May 7 Gathering of Jewish Lesbian daughters of Holocaust survivors in Hew Hampshire. Join for a weekend of workshops, networking, and support around shared issues. For more info, contact Jewish Lesbian Daughters of Holocaust Survivors at Box 6194, Boston 02114

10:00 am and 8:00 pm Africa Oyé. See May 3 listing.

8:00 pm The Death Penalty: You Make the Call. Produced and Directed by Holly Ward, Director, The Prison Theatre Arts Program, Written by Riget Goodson, Inmate, Massachusetts Penal Institute. Actor Richard Kiley, best known for his starring role in the Broadway production of *Man of La Mancha*". Admission: \$10. Part of the 1989 Northeast Regional Conference of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty At Austin Hall, Harvard Law School campus, Cambridge. Info: Mass. Citizens Against the Death Penalty at 267-8721

8:00 pm Beyond Mountains, More Mountains: Haitian People's Difficult Journey to Democracy. A talk with Franz Minuity, host of the Caribbean forum on WZBC-FM. Mr Minuity will discuss the Haitian struggle for democracy and self-determination since the fall of Duvalier. He will focus on the role of Haitian popular organizations, both in Haiti and in exile. Part of the Black Rose Lectures. Free. At MIT Building 9 room 150, 105 Mass Ave, Cambridge. Info: 524-0781

**Sat 6** 8:00 am - 6:00 pm The Rising Tide: Fighting the Death Penalty: 1989 Northeast Regional Conference of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. Keynote Speaker: Daniel Berrigan. Admission: \$15.00. At Austin Hall, Harvard Law School, Cambridge. Info: Mass. Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty: 267-8721

9:00 am - 5:30 pm Activists' Forum on Guatemala. Workshops on the popular movement in Guatemala, the refugee situation, development of action strategies, Sponsored by Guatemala Committee of CASA, NECAN, NisGua, Comité de Guatemala Iximche, Atanasio Tzul of New England. Pre-registration is strongly suggested. Admission: \$20. Mail check to NECAN, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge 02138. At UMASS, Boston, 100 Arlington St. Info: 491-4205 ♿

9:30 am - 4:00 pm All Day African Arts and Humanities Conference: The Black Aesthetic. Live interviews, panel discussions, live performances, Film/Lecture (\$5 in advance, \$7 at the door). Master classes in drumming (\$10 per class). At St. Paul's AME Church, 99 Bishop Allen Drive, Central Sq. Cambridge. For conference schedule, registration and master class information, call 492-7578

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Open discussion on Coming Out for women of all ages. Free. At the Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St, Cambridge. Info: 354-8807 ♿

7:30 pm Mayday 1989: Movements and Visions 1968-1989. 21 years of change in the Left. A dinner and participatory celebration with music, poster, and button display (if you have contributions to loan, call Kendall Hale 566-5738 or Gavin Sherman 265-2254). A 21 year historical calendar and a ceremony honoring people who have died recently. If you wish to commemorate a friend, please give a picture and a brief bio. (call Kendall or Gavin). Sponsored by City Life, Freedom Road, Socialist Unity Network. Admission: \$10. At the Jamaica Plain High School, McBride St & Washington St. Tickets & Info: City Life at 524-3541 ♿

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9:00 am The Rising Tide: Fighting the Death Penalty. Network Planning Session of the Northeast Regional Conference of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. Info: Mass. Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty: 267-8721

9:30 am - 4:00 pm Activists' Forum on Guatemala (continued). See May 6 listing. ♿

11:00 am 14th Annual Sacco-Vanzetti Award. The Price of Freedom; Speaker is Anna Morgan, a 94-year old political, labor, civil rights and peace activist. Music by Ruth Hamilton. Free. At the Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston St, Boston.

3:00 pm Africa Oyé. See May 3 listing.

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm Join Nora Mitchell in celebrating her new book, *Your Skin is a Country* and welcome award winning longtime favorite, Robin Becker for an afternoon of poetry. Free. At New Words, 186 Hampshire St, Cambridge. Info: 876-5310

6:00 pm Newoman's Potluck. Movie: Raising Arizona at 8:00 pm. All new and not so new women welcome. Free. At the Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St, Cambridge. Info: 354-8807 ♿

7:00 pm Beyond the Veil See May 6 listing.

**Mon 8** 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm Lesbian Rap: Lesbian Battering. Free. At the Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St, Cambridge. Info: 354-8807 ♿

**Tues 9** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm 30+ Lesbian Rap: Making Friends. 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Bisexual Women's Rap: Approaching Safe Sex. Free. At the Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St, Cambridge. Info: 354-8807 ♿

**Wed 10** Meeting the Challenge: Women Leaders. Discussion and exploration of the implications of anticipated demographic and economic changes in the areas of poverty, housing, illiteracy, politics, health and government. At the Radcliffe Conference Room, 10 Garden St, Radcliffe Yard, Cambridge. Info: 445-8625

3:30 pm How the Tort Litigation System Responds to Women's Injuries: A Case Study of DES Litigation. Speaker: Lucinda Finley. Bunting Colloquium Series. At the Gilman Room, Agassiz House, Radcliffe Yard. Info: 495-8212

5:30 pm Mass Media: The Key to Peace? A talk by Thomas Cooper who served as Director of U.S.-Soviet Space Bridge and founded the Association for Responsible Communications, and Robert Hilliard, former head of the FCC educational broadcasting branch and author of *Television and Adult Education*. At the Wentworth Institute of Technology, (Ruggles/Museum stop on Green Line). Info: 354-5811

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Everywoman's Discussion Group: Feminism and Sexuality. Free. At the Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St, Cambridge. Info: 354-8807 ♿

Salvadorans and the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador Admission: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, \$7 & \$9 for seniors and 18 & under. At the Raymond Grey Junior High School, Route 111, Acton. Info: Paul Reisberg at 263-7078 or Rich Trubey at 448-9892

**Thurs 11** 8:00 pm Thought Control in Democratic Societies: speech by Noam Chomsky, Institute Professor of Linguistics at MIT and author of several books on U.S. foreign policy in connection with the publication of his new book, *Necessary Illusions* from South End Press. \$5 admission. At MIT building 26 room 100, MIT campus, Cambridge. Info: 266-0629 ♿

8:00 pm Beyond the Veil See May 6 listing.

**Fri 12** 8:00 pm Beyond the Veil See May 6 listing.

**Sat 13** and 14 Fifth Annual Conference on Bisexuality: Culture, Community and Coalition Building. The conference is designed to provide a safe and celebratory context in which bisexuals, our allies and our friends can reaffirm the strength of the bisexual community and our identities as bisexual women and men. We chose to focus on culture, community and coalition building to highlight the diversity of our culture and the uniqueness of the bisexual vision for human relationships and to strengthen our common bonds in the struggle for civil rights. At Harvard University, Boylston Hall. For a complete listing of workshops, related events and registration forms, write: ECBN/Conference, P.O. Box 1645, Cambridge 02238 or call BIS-MOVE (247-6683)

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Women, Money and Social Responsibility: Boston Women's Fund Thrid Annual Conference. Speaker: Gloria Steinem. Conference on socially responsible money management for women. At Cronkhite Graduate Center, Radcliffe College, 6 Ash St, Harvard Sq, Cambridge. Info: 542-5955

9:30 am 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bikes not Bombs Bike-a-thon. Gather at Cambridge Common. Round trip route to Walden Pond is approximately 33 miles. Refreshments provided at Walden Pond. Rain Date: May 14. Info: 782-1721 or 776-6524

noon to 5:00 pm Dragon Boat Festival celebrating Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week with San Jose Taiko. Dragon boat races, Lion Dance, arts and crafts, and other cultural performances. At the Hatch Shell at the Esplanade, Charles River, Boston. Sponsored by the Asian-American Resource Workshop

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Mother's Day Carnival for Peace supports "Moms not Bombs", a carnival for peace, for kids of all ages. Games, music, ice cream, storytellers, and more. At the Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St, Central Sq., Cambridge. Moms free, \$3 others. Info: 643-4880

8:00 pm to 12:00 midnight Recyclers Ball. Live DJ, Cash Bar. \$5 in advance (tix at Curtis Hall when you recycle), \$6 at door. Proceeds will benefit the Jamaica Plain Recycling Task Force. At the Jamaica Plain Firehouse Multicultural Arts Center, 695 Centre St, J.P.

8:00 pm Beyond the Veil See May 6 listing.

9:00 pm to 1:00 am Fiesta Party! A benefit for Material Aid to El Salvador. Sponsored by the Ma. & Boston Labor Committee on Central America. Cash Bar, music, dancing, DJ—WMBR's Jimmy Botticelli. \$5 admission. At the Jamaica Plain Multicultural Arts Center, 659 Centre St, Jamaica Plain. Info: 492-8308

**Sun 14** 11:00 am Women and Children First: Toward a U.S. Family Policy, a talk with Dr. Ruth Sidel, professor of sociology at Hunter College and City University of New York. At the Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston St, Boston. Info: 266-6710

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Elizabeth McKim and Judith Steinberg have been reading poetry together for years. Don't miss the opportunity to hear this dynamic duo celebrating their new books, *Boat of the Dream* and *A Living Anytime*. Free. At New Words, 186 Hampshire St, Cambridge. Info: 876-5310

Pleasant St, Cambridge. Info: 354-8807 ♿

**Tues 23** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm 30+ Lesbian Rap: Counter-acting Homophobia. 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Bisexual Women's Rap: Representations of Bisexuality. Free. At the Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St, Cambridge. Info: 354-8807 ♿

7:30 pm Problems in the Struggle for Working Class Ideology: a four part discussion (four consecutive tuesdays) in preparation for the National Ideological Conference of the Communist Party, USA. Discussion will focus on topics: the expanded labor aristocracy, dissapearing proletarians, the failure of socialism and the permanent underclass. Instructors: Sandy Eaton and Polly Halkenny. \$3 donation. At the Center for Marxist Education, 550 Mass. Ave., Cambridge. Info: 868-5620

**Wed 24** 3:30 pm Poetry Reading by Teresa Cader. Bunting Colloquium Series. At the Gilman Room, Agassiz House, Radcliffe Yard, Cambridge. Info: 495-8212

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Everywoman's Discussion Group: Defining Abuse. Free. At the Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St, Cambridge. Info: 354-8807 ♿

**Thurs 25** through May 31 A Week of Civil Resistance! at the Ethan Allen firing range, Jericho, Vermont. This range is where the G.E. "minigun" is tested before being sent to El Salvador and other countries. Stop the U.S. war in El Salvador. Fund human needs at home and abroad! Info, carpooling, preparation session, sign ups, call: Burlington, Vt, 863-8326; Montpelier, Vt: 229-0800; Southern Vermont: 365-4262. A call for direct action and civil disobedience

8:00 pm Bad Water. Produced by Theaterworks and directed by Vincent Murphy, is a vivid account by Kristen Giroux of a year-long round-the-world trip. Pay what you can. At the Performance Place, Elizabeth Peabody House, 277 Broadway, Somerville. Advance tickets at Bostix and Ticketron. Info: 623-5510

8:00 pm Beyond the Veil See May 6 listing.

**Fri 26** 8:00 pm Bad Water. See May 25 listing. Admission: \$8.

8:00 pm Beyond the Veil See May 6 listing.

**Sat 27** noon Rally at the Ethan Allen Firing Range, Jericho, Vermont. Sponsored by Stop the Slaughter Campaign and NECAN

8:00 pm Bad Water. See May 25 listing. Admission: \$8

8:00 pm Beyond the Veil See May 6 listing.

**Tues 30** 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Bisexual Women's Rap: The Myth of Bisexual Promiscuity. Free. At the Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St, Cambridge. Info: 354-8807 ♿

**Wed 31** 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Everywoman's Discussion Group: Making Changes. Free. At the Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St, Cambridge. Info: 354-8807 ♿

9:00 pm Flor de Caña in Concert. Come hear powerful contemporary and traditional sounds from Latin America. Admission: \$5. At the Middle East Restaurant, 472 Mass Ave, Cambridge. Info: 492-1515

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